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Cambridge Police Spot Suspect Wanted in 4 Armed Robberies Across Region

August 5, 2011 – While conducting surveillance for housebreak suspects in Cambridge, Cambridge Police Detectives observed a male walk past them. One of the detectives immediately recognized the male from a surveillance tape of an armed robbery by handgun from a gas station at Massachusetts Ave and Lansdowne Street in Cambridge that occurred on June 18th.

Police approached the man, identified him as Jamaine Howell, 26, of 36 Newhall in Lynn, and placed him under arrest. In the course of their investigation, the detectives were able to connect him to the June gas station robbery and recover a loaded handgun consistent with the weapon used in that robbery.

"This is an example of great police work on the part of our detectives," said Cambridge Police Commissioner Robert C. Haas. "While conducting surveillance for an unrelated crime, our detectives were astute enough to recognize an individual wanted for crimes that occurred two months ago and place him under arrest without incident so that he can face charges. We hope this arrest brings closure to those the suspect victimized."

Howell was charged with two counts of Armed Robbery for the June 18th robbery as well as another robbery that occurred in Cambridge on June 17th. He is also a suspect in robberies in Charlestown and Malden.

The details contained above are allegations. The suspect is presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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